



Appleton Area Hockey Association
(AAHA) Policy
Evaluation Policy

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Purpose - The purpose of this policy is to provide general information regarding the evaluation process for our players. AAHA encourages all skaters to participate in the evaluation process for their specific age level. Any players considering playing at an age level other than their current age level must review the Play Up/Play Down policies and submit the necessary request in advance of the evaluations. Evaluations/Tryouts will be conducted at the direction of the Player Development Committee (PDC). Changes to this policy may be made on a case by case basis at the discretion of the PDC.

General Information –

- The evaluation process will take place at the beginning of each season and be open to viewing for spectators.
- Spectators will not be allowed access to the evaluators during evaluations.
- Spectators must use the bleacher area for viewing – viewing from the athlete bench/locker room area is not allowed.
- Following Evaluations, teams will be assigned at the direction of the Player Development Committee.
- Attendance at all sessions is considered mandatory unless the absence is excused by PDC. A player who cannot attend an evaluation session is required to provide a detailed explanation as soon as possible in advance. The reasons for the request may be considered by the PDC whether the absence will be considered excused, as well as in the ultimate evaluation and team placement of the player.
- A player will be evaluated based on the extent of a player's participation during the evaluation process; e.g., an excused absence for injury or illness will not automatically result in placement on the lowest-level team in the age bracket, and the PDC will do its best to give the player a fair evaluation based on the actual participation.
- Absence (excused or unexcused) for all or any portion of the Evaluation sessions will not automatically result in placement on the lowest-level team in the age bracket, but it may be considered a factor in the decision on team placement.
- PDC may delay assigning the player to a team until it has had a chance to adequately assess the player. For example, if a player registers after Evaluations or was injured for an extended period of time during Evaluations or at the beginning of the season, PDC may use its discretion as to the post-tryout evaluation process for the player and make an ultimate determination on team placement in the time and manner it deems appropriate.
- The number of skaters on each team will be decided by the Player Development Committee.



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- Players must be registered and paid in full in accordance with the registration process to participate in evaluations.

Girls – in addition to the general information listed above, information specific to girls is below --

- Girls can play on either a co-ed (youth) or all-girls team but they must specify their choice prior to evaluations.

Goalies – in addition to the general information listed above, information specific to Goalies can be found in our “Goalie Development and Goalie Evaluations Policy.”

Requests to Play Up -- Requests to play-up will be granted only in extraordinary circumstances and are generally not favored. A player desiring to move-up a level must submit a written request on AAHA’s “Request to Play Up” form to PDC, signed by the player’s parent/guardian, at least thirty (30) days prior to Evaluations. In considering the request, PDC may consider the player’s physical ability and intellectual and emotional development, the circumstances at the various age-levels, as well any other factors deemed relevant. Preference will be given to players in their appropriate age-level over the player desiring to move-up. WAHA Rules & Policies will supersede and control in the event AAHA’s Move-up Policy is inconsistent with WAHA’s.